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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
KENT D. CHAPMAN  
SHEA AUSTIN-BROWN

Serial No.: 09/702,374

Filed: October 30, 2000

For: METHODS FOR EXTENDING THE  
FRESHNESS OF CUT FLOWERS,  
ORNAMENTAL TREES AND PLANT  
CUTTINGS

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Alton Nathaniel Pryor

Atty. Dkt. No.: 4380.000400

Customer No.: 23720

**1. AMENDMENT; 2. RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Official Action dated November 17, 2004, for which the date for response was February 17, 2005. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith. This one-month extension will bring the due date to and including March 17, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. The Commissioner should consider this paragraph as authorization to withdraw the appropriate fees as may be required under 37 C. F. R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4380.000400.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

### 3.0 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, in light of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that the concerns set forth in the Action have now been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Such favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the accompanying amendment, response and related papers, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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